

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendment and consideration and examination of the subject application, are respectfully requested.

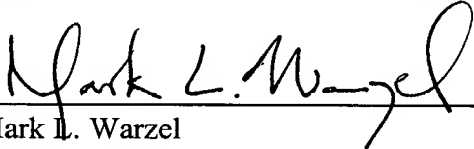
By the foregoing amendment, Claim 1 has been canceled and new Claims 27-51 have been added as being directed to the non-elected subject matter of the parent application, Serial No. 09/216,862.

Early and favorable consideration of the subject application including the above-amended claims is requested.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his/her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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